

Application No. 10/813,523
Amendment dated March 29, 2006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 2, please revise paragraph 5 beginning on line 1 as follows:

In one aspect of the invention ~~disclosed in Claim 1~~, an airbag device for being mounted to a motorcycle comprises an airbag and an accommodating member.

On Page 5, please revise paragraph 17 beginning on line 1 as follows:

In one form ~~the invention disclosed in Claim 2 depending from Claim 1~~, the portion of or the entire airbag outside the accommodating member is disposed astride the central portion of the handlebar section. The central portion is disposed near the body of the motorcycle, and is attached to the body of the motorcycle. Operating portions operated by a rider protrude upwardly leftwards and upwardly rightwards from the central portion of the handlebar section, respectively. Such a structure is an improved structure because a recess space that is formed by the central portion and operating portions of the handlebar section is used as a deployment and inflation area of the airbag.

On Page 5, please revise paragraph 18 beginning on line 1 as follows:

In another form ~~the invention disclosed in Claim 3 depending from either Claim 1 or Claim 2~~, the portion of or the entire airbag disposed outside the accommodating member is covered with a cover. As the cover, it is desirable to use, for example, a cloth or resinous cover that covers the airbag. Such a cover is effective in, for example, maintaining a folded state of the airbag or protecting the

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airbag from outside the airbag. During the deployment and inflation of the airbag, the cover is torn or pushed away in order to allow the deployment and inflation of the airbag. By virtue of such a structure, the cover will not hinder the deployment and inflation of the airbag.

On Page 5, please revise paragraph 19 beginning on line 1 and continuing onto page 6 as follows:

The invention may be in combination with ~~disclosed in Claim 4~~ refers to a motorcycle having the airbag device of any one of the above-described forms ~~Claims 1 to 3~~ mounted thereto. The portion of or the entire airbag that is disposed outside the accommodating member is disposed astride the handlebar section at the body of the motorcycle in the forward/backward direction, and is mounted to the member at the body of the motorcycle. By this, it possible for the airbag to be smoothly deployed and inflated without the airbag getting caught by, for example, a protruding portion of the member at the body of the motorcycle. Therefore, it is possible to provide a motorcycle which can thoroughly protect a rider in an accident.